



Appl. No. 10/649,852  
Atty. Docket No. 8448R  
Amdt. Dated 22 December 2005  
Reply to Office Action of 07 October 2005  
Customer No. 27752

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/649,852  
Applicant(s) : Robert Joseph Isfort et al  
Filed : 27 August 2003  
Title : Methods for Identifying Compounds for Regulating Muscle Mass or Function using Corticotropin Releasing Factor Receptors  
TC/A.U. : 1647  
Examiner : Shafer, Shulamith H  
Conf. No. : 7224  
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### AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

### INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action of 07 October 2005, which provides a shortened statutory period for reply of three-month thereafter. This response is timely as the period set for response expires on 09 January 2006 (07 January 2006, falls on a Saturday). Please consider the following remarks and reconsider the application. No fees are believed to be due for the amendment; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 16-2480.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

*Amendments to the Specification* begin on page 3 of this paper.

*Amendments to the Claims* begin on page 5 of this paper.

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*Amendments to the Drawings* begin on page 8 of this paper.

*Remarks* begin on page 9 of this paper.

An *Appendix* including formal amended drawing figures is attached following page 12 of this paper.

A Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR §1.321(c), is attached following the formal amended drawing figures.